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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Freedman
Chief Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO RESCIND FUNDING REDUCTIONS FOR BLACK INFANT HEALTH (BIH) PROGRAM SERVICES**

On September 23, 2008, you were notified of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) intent to implement the "Funding/Services Adjustments and Reallocations" provision of agreements with the Great Beginnings For Black Babies, Inc., contract number H700540 and The Children's Collective, Inc., contract number H700539. This provision authorizes the Director or his designee to decrease allocations by an amount not to exceed fifteen percent of the applicable County maximum obligation and to decrease contract allocations if there is an underutilization of funds by Contractor.

Effective July 1, 2008, the California State Department of Public Health (CDPH) implemented a 10% cut to Los Angeles County's BIH State General Fund (SGF) allocation (\$766,068).

DPH's Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs (MCAH) contracts with five community agencies to provide BIH services throughout Los Angeles County. The Great Beginnings for Black Babies Inc. (GBBB) and The Children's Collective, Inc. agreed to take the cuts to their contract allocations to help offset the SGF reduction and received a decrease in their target allocations to meet the State's approved reduced caseload. The three smaller contractors Mission City Community Network, Inc. (MCCN), Partners in Care Foundation, Inc. (PICF) and Prototypes (PROTO) agreed to share in accomplishing the new State reduced service goals by realigning their current caseload targets. The allocation and caseload changes were effective July 1, 2008.

On October 9, 2008, the California State Department of Public Health announced that the BIH State General Fund is not required to take the 10% cut. Consequently, GBBB and TCCI will not need to take the reduction to their contract allocations and caseloads. Also, the realignment of caseload targets for MCCN, PICF and PROTO is no longer required. Effective July 1, 2008, the contracts will resume their original allocations and caseload targets.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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